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#### **IN BRIEF**

### An Aromatase Inhibitor Is Reported to Prevent Postmenopausal Breast Cancer

A randomized, placebo-controlled, double-blind trial of exemestane (*Aromasin*, and others) in postmenopausal women considered at increased risk for breast cancer found that the aromatase inhibitor, over a median follow-up of 35 months, significantly decreased the annual incidence of invasive breast cancer from 0.55% to 0.19% (PE Goss et al. N Engl J Med, epub June 4, 2011).

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